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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.  THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.  1.  This communication is responsive to 5/10/01.									
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 8-29, and 31.									
3. The drawings filed on are acceptable as formal drawings.									
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:									
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.									
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3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the									
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6. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.									
7. Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS									
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(b), which has been approved by the examiner.									
(c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No									
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.									
8. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.									
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1 ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 3 ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5 ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No 7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	4 <mark>汉</mark> Interview Summa 6 <mark>汉</mark> Examiner's Amer	I Patent Application (PTO-152) iry (PTO-413), Paper No. 10 . idment/Comment ment of Reasons for Allowance							

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#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes 1. and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with K. Vander Leest on 6/15/01.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 1, line 4, replace "defining having" with -- having --- to correct a grammatical error.

In claim 1, line 7, replace "reconfiguring" with -- reconfigure--- to correct a grammatical error.

## **Contact information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the 3. examiner should be directed to Dhiru Patel whose telephone number is (703) 308 -3748. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays- Thursdays from 6:30 am to Serial Number: 09/490201 Page 3

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4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard be reached at 703-308-3682. The fax number for this Group is 703-305-3431. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

Dhiru Patel Patent Examiner Group Art Unit 2831 June 15, 2001

Dean A. Reichard

Primary Examiner